

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D., County Superintendent of Schools

Executive Services

Office of the Superintendent, MC 243

DATE: January 10, 2024

TO: District Superintendents and District Governing Board Members

FROM: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools



SUBJECT: County Committee Election - 2023

Attached please find the ballot and candidate packet you will use to elect members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization for the District 1, 3, and 5 seats. Each seat has one candidate. For District 1, the candidate is Will Ector. For District 3, the candidate is Anu Nakka. For District 5, the candidate is Peter Noymer.

Also attached is a list of the County Committee representative for each school district (selected by each district). Each district should have their representative select the candidate of choice; if no representative was selected, the Board President may complete the ballot.

Please write the name of your school or community college district, sign your name, vote for one candidate in each District, and email the ballot to:

Osantillan@sccoe.org

Ballots must be received by January 26, 2024. Votes will not be counted if emailed after 5:00 p.m. January 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Santillan at 408-453-6869 or email her at the above address.

Thank you.

**2023 Santa Clara County Committee on
School District Organization Election Ballot**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
OFFICIAL BALLOT – January 16, 2024**

School/Community College District

Signature (required for validation)

Printed Name

Date: _____

This ballot is to be used by the board member designated by each school or community college district board of education to elect members to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (see attached list for your district’s representative).

Please vote for no more than one candidate **in each supervisorial district** - District 1, 3, and 5 by placing a check (✓) in the box next to your choice.

District 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Will Ector	District 3: <input type="checkbox"/> Anu Nakka	District 5: <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Noymer
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*Note: There is only one candidate for each Supervisorial District

Alum Rock Union Elementary SD	Minh Pham
Berryessa Union SD	
Cambrian SD	
Campbell Union SD	Danielle Cohen
Campbell Union High SD	Joseph Baker
Cupertino Union SD	
East Side Union High SD	
Evergreen SD	Rudy Rodriguez
Franklin-McKinley SD	Jeff Moe
Fremont Union High SD	
Gilroy Unified SD	
Lakeside Joint SD	
Loma Prieta Joint Union SD	
Los Altos SD	
Los Gatos Union SD	
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High SD	
Luther Burbank SD	
Metropolitan Education District	
Moreland SD	Heather Sutton
Morgan Hill Unified SD	
Mount Pleasant Elementary SD	Melissa Got-Lopez
Mountain View Whisman SD	
Mountain View-Los Altos High SD	
Oak Grove SD	Diego Martinez
Orchard SD	
Palo Alto Unified SD	Jesse Ladomirak
San Jose Unified SD	Brian Wheatley
Santa Clara Unified SD	Vicki Fairchild
Saratoga Union SD	
Sunnyvale SD	Michelle Maginot
Union Elementary SD	Vicki Brown

**2023 County Committee Election
Candidate Information**

Will Ector
(District 1)

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Educational Consultant
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San Jose, California 95135

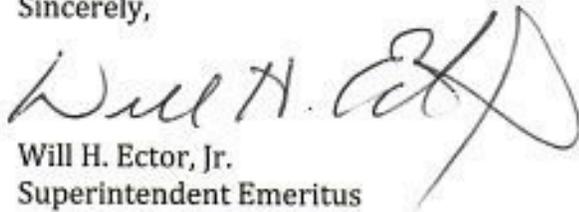
December 20, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Will H. Ector, Jr. I'm a career educator here in Santa Clara County. I have served thirty years in the Evergreen School District as an administrator and in the Berryessa Union School District, where I retired as superintendent in 2017. I have since served on the County Committee for the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

This letter is to inform you of my intent to run for the District 1 representative seat on the County Committee.

Sincerely,



Will H. Ector, Jr.
Superintendent Emeritus



Will H. Ector, Jr. - Vitae

SUNRISE: 10/03/52

PLACE OF BIRTH: Blythe, CA

MOVED TO SILICON VALLEY: July 1980

RESIDENT of SAN JOSE, CA FOR: 42 years

EDUCATION:

Long Beach State University, BA, Political Science with an Emphasis in Public Administration

San Jose State University, MA, Supervision and Administration

PROFESSION(S):

- Currently an Associate for Hazzard, Young & Attea, (HYA), National Search Firm
- Adjunct Professor, Santa Clara County Office of Education, LEAP Program

CAREER HISTORY:

- Served over six years as Superintendent of Schools for the Berryessa Union School District in San Jose, California
- Served as Director of Human Resources, Principal, Assistant Principal and Teacher, Evergreen Elementary School District:
 - Help design and open two new schools that were 21st Century technology-based learning environments.
 - As a principal, all 5 of his schools recognized as California Distinguished Schools
 - Three were also recognized as National Blue-Ribbon Schools.
- An Emeritus Lifetime Member to the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- Currently serving on Region 8 Executive Board as Past President of the Retirement Charter
- Former member of the (ACSA) State Board of Directors representing Region 8 Silicon Valley,
- Mr. Ector has previously served Region 8 as President, Charter President, State Elementary Education Council member, and State Human Resource Council member.
- Mr. Ector has also been a presenter at the ACSA Principal's and Superintendent's Academies.
- He is a vocal advocate for equal access for all students
- Has lobbied for educational issues impacting California students at the U. S. Congress and California State Legislature.
- Mr. Ector is often pursued to give public speeches and commencement addresses at colleges and high schools around the state
- He works with high school students in the Green Scholars Program, a local STEM program for African American youths in Silicon Valley
- Served as an adjunct professor at San Jose State University and Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Served on the Advisory Board for the College of Education at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, and National Hispanic University
- Mentors high school graduates for the East San Jose Kiwanis Club TAS Program

- Currently serving on the Executive Board for the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA)
- President of the East San Jose Kiwanis Club
- Inducted into the Palo Verde High School Sports Hall of Fame (2017)
- Former Head Basketball Coach Palo Verde Community College

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT (S) IN THE SILICON VALLEY:

- ACSA Robert E. Kelly Award – State (2021)
- Inducted Silicon Valley Black Legends Hall of Fame (2018)
- Superintendent of the Year Region 8 ACSA (Silicon Valley) (2017)
- Citizen of the Year San Jose City Council District 4 – Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (2017)
- U.S. Congressional 17th District of California Community Service Award (2017)
- "Man of the Year Award" from Silicon Valley Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (2014)
- Dr. Henry Hutchins Leadership Award by the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black School Educators. (2013)
- Special Superintendent Award from the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators. (2013)
- Outstanding Leader Award by Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski serving the 25th Assembly District of California. (2012)
- The James Franklin Smith Elementary School named their state-of-the art media center after Mr. Ector in recognition of his dedication to his students and community. (2005)

CREATIVITY - STARTED FROM NOTHING THAT GREW INTO SOMETHING GREATER:

Where there's a Will there's a Way!

BEST KNOWN FOR:

- His passion and advocacy for ALL students to succeed.
- Famous quote: Persistence is a Virtue!

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE:

Stay spiritually centered and believe in yourself!

ADVICE YOU WOULD PROVIDE TO A STUDENT STARTING THE JOURNEY OF LIFE TODAY:

The path to success is lined with failure; your success is based on preparation, perseverance and passion! Getting up one more time than you fall is the key to success!

Anu Nakka
(District 3)

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December 19, 2023

County Superintendent Office
c/o Olivia Santilan
MC243, Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

Dear Ms Olivia,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in a position on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. As the newest member of the award-winning Milpitas Unified School District Board of Trustees, encouragement from the entire MUSD governance team, Superintendent Cheryl Jordan, and a strong commitment to professional growth, I am confident in my ability to attend all meetings fully and contribute effectively to your esteemed committee.

Over my 20+ years of experience volunteering for educational activities at Pari Foundation and Silicon Andhra University, I have demonstrated consistent dedication to advancing educational initiatives and creating an environment that nurtures both academic and personal growth. My expertise includes teaching, training, skill development, and successfully coordinating language classes for over 100+ students each year and 25+ teachers at Silicon Andhra University for the past eight years. In 2022, I was elected to the Milpitas Unified School District as a Trustee, taking on the role of Clerk for the upcoming year 2024. I had been a resident of Milpitas for over 20 years, and both my girls are MUSD students.

I am particularly drawn to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization because of its commitment to innovation, and I am eager to bring my skills in Technology and Finance to contribute to the ongoing success and positive impact of the committee and bringing that learning in enhancing our Innovation Campus in Milpitas.

My commitment to education is further reflected in my involvement with Silicon Andhra University, Pari Foundation, Girl Scouts STEM programs, and as a lead trainer at the Registrar of Voters in Santa Clara

County. These experiences have allowed me to develop a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities within our community, which I believe will be invaluable in the role at the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization.

Enclosed is my resume, providing further details about my professional background and accomplishments. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills align with the goals of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization in person.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the educational development of our community through the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anu Nakka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anu Nakka

Anu Nakka

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Email: anakka@musd.org | Phone: 408-348-6890

Professional Profile

Dedicated and accomplished professional with over 20 years of experience in Finance, Accounting, and Computer Engineering. Hold a Doctorate in Corporate Secretaryship and Finance, as well as Master's degrees in accounting and computer science. A passionate advocate for educational excellence and community development. Proven track record of leadership in various educational and community organizations.

Work Experience

Board Trustee | Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD)

(Elected 2022, assumed role of Clerk in 2024)

- **Governance, policy-making, and strategic planning for the improvement of the local educational system.**

Lead Trainer | Registrar of Voters, Santa Clara County

(2018 - Current)

- **Demonstrated leadership by facilitating training sessions and contributing to the smooth operation of the Registrar of Voters.**

Milpitas Location Coordinator | Silicon Andhra University

(2009 - 2023)

- **Successfully recruited and managed language classes for 100+ students and 25+ teachers, demonstrating expertise in teaching, training, and skill development.**

Treasurer | Silicon Andhra Rotary

(2021 - Current)

- **Excelled in financial management, contributing to the organization's fiscal health and effective operation.**

Executive Board Member | Milpitas Chamber of Commerce

(2022 - Current)

- **Played a key role in strategic decision-making, fostering collaboration and community development within the Chamber of Commerce.**

Volunteer Experience

President | Sinnott Elementary PTA

(2019 - 2020)

- Led the PTA with a focus on enhancing parent involvement and supporting initiatives for student welfare.

Vice President | MHS PTSA and Rancho PTSA

(2020 - 2022)

- Contributed as Vice President for both organizations, actively supporting programs for student success.

President | Milpitas PTA Council

(2022)

- Provided leadership, coordinating efforts across various PTAs for the collective improvement of educational experiences.

Board Member | Pari Foundation

(2013 - Current)

- Spearheaded a skill development initiative for rural women in India, providing opportunities and empowering women through education and training.

Education

- Doctorate in Corporate Secretaryship and Finance
- Masters in Accounting
- Masters in Computer Science

Skills

- Financial Management
- Technology Integration
- Leadership and Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Teaching and Training

Languages

- **English**
- **Hindi**
- **Telugu**
- **German**

References

Available upon request.

Professional Profile: Anu Nakka

Education:

- **Doctorate in Corporate Secretaryship and Finance**
- **Masters in Accounting**
- **Masters in Computer Science**

Dedicated and accomplished professional with over 20 years of experience in Finance, Accounting, and Computer Engineering. A passionate advocate for educational excellence and community development, I have actively contributed to various initiatives.

Work Experience:

- **Board Trustee, Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD):** Currently serving as a Board Trustee at MUSD, I bring invaluable experience in education governance, policy-making, and strategic planning. Elected in 2022, I have assumed the role of Clerk for the upcoming year 2024, showcasing my commitment to the betterment of our local educational system.
- **Lead Trainer, Registrar of Voters, Santa Clara County:** Demonstrated leadership as the Lead Trainer, facilitating crucial training sessions and contributing to the smooth operation of the Registrar of Voters in Santa Clara County.
- **Milpitas Location Coordinator, Silicon Andhra University:** Successfully recruited and managed language classes for over 100+ students and 25+ teachers each year, showcasing expertise in teaching, training, and skill development.
- **Treasurer, Silicon Andhra Rotary:** Excelled in financial management as the Treasurer of Silicon Andhra Rotary, contributing to the organization's fiscal health and effective operation.
- **Executive Board Member, Milpitas Chamber of Commerce:** Played a key role in strategic decision-making as an Executive Board Member, fostering collaboration and community development within the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteer Experience:

- **President, Sinnott Elementary PTA:** Led the Sinnott Elementary PTA with a focus on enhancing parent involvement and supporting initiatives for student welfare.
- **Vice President, MHS PTSA, and Rancho PTSA:** Served as Vice President for both the MHS PTSA and Rancho PTSA, actively contributing to parent-teacher collaboration and supporting programs for student success.
- **President, Milpitas PTA Council:** Provided leadership as President of the Milpitas PTA Council, coordinating efforts across various PTAs for the collective improvement of educational experiences.

- **Board Member, Pari Foundation:** Contributed as a Board Member for Pari Foundation, spearheading a skill development initiative for rural women in India. Instrumental in providing opportunities and empowering women through education and training.
- **Chair Measure E Parcel Tax Committee:** Chaired Parcel Tax Committee at Milpitas, helping to raise funds for the Milpitas Unified School District Innovation Campus.
- **Volunteer, Girl Scouts:** Helped Milpitas Girl Scouts with the cookie sales, STEM initiatives and Silver and Gold Award initiatives.

My commitment to innovation and community betterment has driven me to seek a position on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. Eager to leverage my skills in Technology and Finance, I am poised to contribute to the Committee's ongoing success and bring that positive experience to the Innovation Campus in Milpitas.

My broad involvement in educational organizations such as Silicon Andhra University, Pari Foundation, and as a lead trainer at the Registrar of Voters in Santa Clara County reflects a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities within our community. As a prospective Member at the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, I bring a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for advancing education and community development. I have been a resident of Milpitas over two decades and both my girls are MUSD students.

Peter Noymer
(District 5)

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Paul Johnson, Superintendent

19 December 2023

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Olivia Santillan: MC243
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Dear Dr. Dewan and Ms. Santillan:

I am writing to apply for the open seat on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (in Supervisorial District 5) for the January 2024 election.

As a resident of the County for 23 years, and having served as a Governing Board Member in the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) since 2014, I would bring to the role an understanding of the County, its communities and their needs, as well as a depth of understanding of the inner workings of a school district. I believe that the combination of those attributes is important for supporting the Committee's work in addressing the structural and organizational aspects of effective and efficient public education in the County.

My passion and commitment for education are strong. In addition to my service on the LGUSD Board, my three children have all been educated K-12 in public schools, and I am also a product of a K-12 public school education. My mother was a public high school guidance counselor, and in the early part of my career, I was an engineering professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

I also bring to the role substantial experience in organizational leadership and governance in the private sector. I currently or have previously served as CEO and/or Board member for several local life sciences companies. While there are differences between the private and public sectors, the basic skills related to collaboration, discipline and decision-making on an effective governance team are applicable in any setting.

A list of qualifications is follows, along with a short version of my professional CV. I greatly appreciate you and the other trustees across the county considering my candidacy for this.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Noymer", is written over a vertical line.

Peter Noymer

Peter Noymer – List of Qualifications

- Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD), 2014-present.
 - Currently serving a third consecutive term on the governing board for the K-8 school district in Los Gatos.
- LGUSD Board President (2016, 2018, 2023) and Board Clerk (2015, 2017, 2022).
- Other LGUSD Board committee, leadership and liaison roles:
 - Pandemic preparedness & school re-opening (2020-22)
 - Developer liaison (2020-21)
 - Legal matters liaison (2020-21)
 - Education Foundation liaison (2018-present)
 - Superintendent search (2018)
 - Town Council liaison (2017-18)
 - LGUSD Financial Advisory Committee liaison (2015-16)
- Completed CSBA Masters in Governance Workshops (2019).
- LGUSD Parcel Tax Renewal Campaign Committee (2021).
- Community & youth sports – approximately 20 seasons of coaching boys and girls soccer, basketball and baseball.
- Santa Clara County resident since 2000, Los Gatos resident since 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior executive with deep strategic management, leadership and scientific expertise. More than twenty years in industry bringing novel pharmaceutical and medical device products from concept to market, including products for orphan and rare diseases. Experience with products in several therapeutic areas, including pulmonology/respiratory, endocrinology, cardiology, neurology/psychiatry, orthopedics, neonatology, and ophthalmology. Significant strategic and hands-on involvement in the entire product lifecycle, including early identification of product portfolio candidates, developing clinical and regulatory strategies, driving programs through FDA/EMA approval, and planning and executing product launches.

Experienced with both early-stage startups and established companies as well as both private and public companies. C-suite employee for one company's IPO, also corporate compliance officer for another publicly traded company. Have worked in both integrated and virtual staffing models, and have managed international teams of employees and vendors. Proven track record of leading and working with internal departments and with external partner companies to establish and accomplish strategic objectives. Excellent problem-solving, communication and organizational skills.

KEY EXPERIENCE SYNOPSIS

Current**Executive Chairman and CEO, ForCast Orthopedics, Inc.**

CEO and board chair for a seed-stage company developing a novel therapy for treating periprosthetic joint infections (PJI). Revamped the corporate strategy, raised a \$1M Seed round and successfully achieved technology, regulatory and commercial objectives. Obtained QIDP and Orphan Drug Designations from the FDA, paving the way for Fast-Track Designation and other incentives.

Executive Chairman, PyrAmes Inc.

Board chair for a Stanford University spinout that has developed accurate, wearable device for AI-based continuous blood pressure monitoring. Devised strategies for initial launch into niche markets followed by progressive expansion into outpatient and adult markets. Obtained Breakthrough Device Designation from the FDA, raised a \$6M Series A round, and obtained 510(k) marketing clearance for the neonatology space.

Executive in Residence, UCSF Innovation Ventures

EIR at the UC medical school campus to support the technology transfer effort for a novel drug therapy for Parkinson's Disease. Working closely with the inventors/researchers to define the market opportunity, create business and development plans, and devise and execute fundraising and partnering strategies.

Strategic Advisor / Consultant

Independent strategic advisor to life science companies across a variety of therapeutic areas and markets, including pharmaceutical products, medical devices, and M&A/licensing advisory services.

2017-2019**CEO, Kedalion Therapeutics**

First CEO of a ophthalmology startup focused on transforming topical therapies with a proprietary delivery system that enables comparable efficacy with ~75% less drug. Raised a \$6.3M Series A round to advance the technology into manufacturing and clinical trials. Kedalion was acquired in part by Novartis in 2022.

2013-2017**COO, SteadyMed Therapeutics**

COO (and previously CTO) of a US and Israel-based company developing novel parenteral drug products based on a proprietary pump technology. Key member of management team that raised approx. \$130M, including a \$40M IPO in 2015. SteadyMed was acquired by United Therapeutics in 2018.

2006-2013**VP of Product R&D, Alexza Pharmaceuticals**

Product development executive for a company with a pipeline of novel CNS drug products (psychiatry and neurology) based on a proprietary inhaler technology. Key member of management team that secured licensing agreements totaling more than \$200M. Alexza was acquired by Grupo Ferrer in 2016.

EDUCATION

- 1997 **PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- 1992 **SM, Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- 1988 **BSE, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (cum laude), Princeton University**

OTHER ROLES & ACTIVITIES

Governing Board Member, Los Gatos Union School District

LGUSD is the local K-8 public school district in Los Gatos, serving ~3,000 students and with ~200 employees across 5 school sites and a central district office. Trustees are elected officials and serve four-year terms.

- Currently serving a third term from 2022-2026 after having initially served two terms from 2014-2022.
- Served as Board President in 2016, 2018 and 2023; and also Board Clerk in 2015, 2017 and 2022.
- Spearheaded or served as key liaison on various initiatives, including a new Superintendent search in 2018 and pandemic re-opening preparedness from 2020-21.

Other Community service

Jewish Silicon Valley (2022 – present)

Serving on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee for the non-profit organization that supports the Jewish community of Silicon Valley and runs the APJCC in Los Gatos.

Greater Boston YMCA Camping Services Board of Advisors (2020 – present)

Member-at-large on the alumni advisory board for the New Hampshire-based overnight camps owned and operated by the Greater Boston YMCA.

Princeton University, various alumni volunteer roles (1998 – 2018)

Treasurer, Princeton Class of '88, 2013-2018

Member of the Executive Committee, Princeton University Alumni Council, 2010-2012 and 2015-2017

Treasurer, Princeton Club of Northern California, 2001-2014

Board member and web site developer, Princeton Alumni Association of Western Pennsylvania, 1998-1999

MIT Venture Mentoring Society (2010 – 2013)

Served as a mentor and volunteer/interim board chair for several pre-seed stage companies being started by local MIT alumni.

Youth sports coach (2006 – 2012)

Head or assistant coach for children's soccer, basketball and baseball teams in the Los Gatos area for a total of roughly 20 sports seasons over 6 years.

Publications & patents

Approximately 15 articles published in peer-reviewed journals

Approximately 40 papers/posters/presentations at industry and investor conferences

Several issued patents and pending applications

Professional societies (past and present)

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), Parenteral Drug Association (PDA), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), International Society for Aerosols in Medicine (ISAM)